(a) whether Government has received any proposal from Government of Gujarat for taking over the Surat Airport by N.A.A.; and

(b) if so, the action taken on this proposal and the likely time for taking over Surat Airport by N.A.A.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to financial constraints and its other commitments, the National Airports Authority is not in a position at present to take over Surat airport.

Amount Invested by ITDC in Gujarat

2173. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by the India Tourism Development Corporation in its enterprises in Gujarat during each of the last three years and locations of these enterprises;

(b) whether the Corporation has formulated new schemes for the development of its units in that State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) During the last three years ITDC has not made any investment in setting up any new project in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The ITDC's 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) does not envisage any specific plan scheme / outlay in the State of Gujarat.

Introduction of direct flight from India to Australia

2174. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has introduced direct flight from India to Australia in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with highlights of this flight including operation schedule with fare stages from Bombay to other concerned countries enroute;

(c) whether this introduction has some objectives;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to ask Air India to introduce its flights to other countries of the world which have not been connected with India so far; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India has introduced a twice weekly service on Bombay / Bangalore / Singapore / Perth sector effective from 2nd March, 1995. As per present schedule, the onward flight leaves Bombay at 0130 hours local time on Mondays and Thursdays and arrives Perth on the same day at 1710 hours local time. The return flight leaves Perth at 1830 hours local time on Mondays and Thursdays and arrives Bombay at 0510 hours local time on the next day. The fare details are given in the statement (*see* below).

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Fare Details on India-Australia Route

	Executive Class (One-way)	Economy Class (One-way)	Economy Excursion Fare
Bombay / Singapore	Rs. 19355	Rs. 16825	Rs. 18510 (Validity 3 months)
Bangalore / Singapore	Rs. 16550	Rs. 14395	Rs. 14900 (Validity 3 months)
Bombay / Perth	Rs. 45970	Rs. 39975	Rs. 27010 (Validity 4 months)
		Rs. 24555 (Immigrant Fare)	Rs. 33760 (Validity 9 months)
Bangalore / Perth	Rs. 42875	Rs. 37305	Rs. 27755 (Validity 4 months)
		Rs. 24345 (Immigrant Fare)	Rs. 34170 (Validity 9 months)

(c) and (d) The flight has been introduced to tap the market potential between India and Western Australia as also between Singapore and Perth.

(e) and (f) Services to new destinations are introduced by Air India on the basis of its commercial judgement keeping in view the traffic potential and economic viability.

Introduction of Helipcopter Service in the North-Eastern States

2175. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests to introduce helicopter services in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Pursuant to request received from various States it has been decided to connect less accessible towns of North Eastern States through helicopter service, to be operated by Pawan Hans Limited, initially on a limited scale with two helicopters, to serve interior areas of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.

The routes proposed to be operated in the region, which would be subject to finalisation in consultation with North Eastern Council and respective States are given in the statement, (*see* below).

In the absence of a firm commitment from Government of Nagaland for provision of infrastructural arrangement, the helicopter service is initially porposed to be started in Arunahcal Pradesh from June 1995 subject to availability of helicopter.

STATEMENT

The Places Proposed to be Connected by Helicopter Service in the North Eastern Region (Not Final)

KOHIMA BASE

KOHIMA-MOKOCHUNG- TUENSANG-MOKOCHUNG-WOKHA- KOHIMA

KOHIMA-MOKOCHUNG-MON-MOKOKCHUNG-KOHIMA-JORHAT

KOHIMA-PHEK-ZUNHOBUTO- KOHIMA

KOHIMA-UKHRUL-IMPHAL-TAMENGLONG-JIRIBAN-SILCHAR-

JIRIBAN-TAMENGLONG-IMPHAL-UKHRUL-KOHIMA

DIBRUGARH BASE

DIBRUGARH-PASSIBHAT-TUTING-PASSIGHAT-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-ALONG-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUARH-ROING-AMINI-ROING-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-DAPARIZO-LIMKING-DAPARIZO-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-HANAJAR-TEZPUR-ITANAGAR-DIBRUGARH

Dabolim Airport at Goa

2176. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new extension building at Dabolim Goa Airport is likely to be completed; and

(b) what was the scheduled date for its commissioning and what is the period of delay and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The International Block is likely to be completed by May, 1995 and the domestic block by May, 1996.

(b) The Scheduled date of commissioning of international and domestic block was October, 1995. The delay is due to change in design in foundation of elevated road and shifting of Naval Gate.

Purchase of Helicopter and Aircraft by Tamil Nadu

2177. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government